CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1       1.    A workstation, comprising:

2       a top;

3       a leg that supports said top; and,

4       a computer located within said leg.

5       2.    The workstation of claim 1, further comprising a

6   backplane located within said leg and connected to said

7   computer.

8       3.    The workstation of claim 2, further comprising a

9   router that is attached to said backplane and located

10  within said leg.

11      4.    The workstation of claim 1, further comprising a

12  monitor attached to said top and connected to said

13  computer.

14      5.    The workstation of said claim 4, further

15   comprising a bracket that attaches said monitor to said

16   top.


17      6.    The workstation of claim 2, wherein said backplane

18   contains a backplane identification and said computer

19   compares the backplane identification with a stored

20   backplane identification stored in said computer, said

21   computer transmits a command through said backplane if the

22   backplane identification does not match the stored

23   backplane identification.


1      7.    The system of claim 6, wherein said computer has a

2   network address and the command re-configures a network to

3   route information associated with the network address to

4   said computer.


1      8.    The system of claim 6, wherein said computer has a

2   telephone number and the command re-configures a network to

3   route information associated with the telephone number to

4   said computer.

1    9.   The system of claim 2, further comprising a

2    keyboard that is coupled to said backplane.


1    10.   The system of claim 2, wherein said backplane

2    includes an input/output interface that is coupled to a

3    plurality of input/output ports, said input/output ports

4    each provide a communication path for information

5    transmitted in an accordance with a different protocol.


1    11.   The system of claim 2, further comprising a server

2    that is attached to said backplane and located within said

3    leg.


4    12.   The system of claim 6, wherein the command

5    includes a client identification.


6    13.   A workstation, comprising:


7    a top;


8    a first leg that supports said top;

9    a second leg that supports said top;

10    a first computer located within said first leg;

11    a second computer located within said second leg; and,

12    a router that is located within said first leg and is
13 coupled to said first and second computers.

14    14.  The workstation of claim 13, further comprising a
15 first backplane located within said first leg and connected
16 to said first computer and a second backplane located
17 within said second leg and connected to said second
18 computer.

19    15.  The workstation of claim 14, further comprising a
20 server that is located within said first leg and coupled to
21 said first and second computers.

22    16.  The workstation of claim 13, further comprising a
23 first monitor that is attached to said top and coupled to

24  said first computer and a second monitor that is attached

25  to said top and coupled to said second computer.


26      17.  The workstation of said claim 16, further

27  comprising a bracket that attaches said first and second

28  monitors to said top.


29      18.  A workstation of claim 14, wherein said first

30  backplane contains a backplane identification and said

31  first computer compares the backplane identification with a

32  stored backplane identification stored in said first

33  computer, said first computer transmits a command through

34  said first backplane if the backplane identification does

35  not match the stored backplane identification.


1      19.  The system of claim 18, wherein said first and

2  second computers each have a network address and the

3  command re-configures a network to route information

4  associated with the network addresses to said first and

5  second computers.

1   20.  The system of claim 18, wherein said first and

2   second computers each have a telephone number and the

3   command re-configures a network to route information

4   associated with the telephone numbers to said first and

5   second computers.


1   21.  The system of claim 14, further comprising a

2   keyboard that is coupled to said first backplane.


1   22.  The system of claim 14, wherein said first and

2   second backplanes each include an input/output interface

3   that is coupled to a plurality of input/output ports, said

4   input/output ports each provide a communication path for

5   information transmitted in an accordance with a different

6   protocol.


1   23.  The system of claim 13, further comprising a

2   single cable that is coupled to said first leg.


3   24.  The system of claim 18, wherein the command

4   includes a client identification.

5      25. A workstation, comprising:

6      a top;

7      a first leg that supports said top;

8      a second leg that supports said top;

9      a first computer located within said first leg;

10     a second computer located within said second leg; and,

11     a switch that is located within said first leg and is

12     coupled to said first and second computers.

13     26. The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

14     first backplane located within said first leg and connected

15     to said first computer and a second backplane located

16     within said second leg and connected to said second

17     computer.

18      27.  The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

19  router that is located within said first leg and coupled to

20  said first and second computers.


21      28.  The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

22  server that is located within said first leg and coupled to

23  said first and second computers.


24      29.  The workstation of claim 25, further comprising a

25  first monitor that is attached to said top and coupled to

26  said first computer and a second monitor that is attached

27  to said top and coupled to said second computer.


28      30.  The workstation of said claim 29, further

29  comprising a bracket that attaches said first and second

30  monitors to said top.


31      31.  A workstation of claim 26, wherein said first

32  backplane contains a backplane identification and said

33  first computer compares the backplane identification with a

34  stored backplane identification stored in said first

35  computer, said first computer transmits a command through

36  said first backplane if the backplane identification does

37  not match the stored backplane identification.


1      32.  The system of claim 31, wherein said first and

2  second computers each have a network address and the

3  command re-configures a network to route information

4  associated with the network addresses to said first and

5  second computers.


1      33.  The system of claim 31, wherein said first and

2  second computers each have a telephone number and the

3  command re-configures a network to route information

4  associated with the telephone numbers to said first and

5  second computers.


1      34.  The system of claim 24, further comprising a

2  keyboard that is coupled to said first backplane.


1      35.  The system of claim 24, wherein said first and

2  second backplanes each include an input/output interface

3  that is coupled to a plurality of input/output ports, said

4  input/output ports each provide a communication path for

5 information transmitted in an accordance with a different

6 protocol.


1    36. The system of claim 31, wherein the command

2 includes a client identification.


3    37. A method for assembling a workstation, comprising:


4        plugging a computer into a leg that supports a top.


5    38. The method of claim 37, further comprising

6 transmitting a backplane identification to the computer

7 from a backplane located within the leg, comparing the

8 backplane identification with a stored backplane

9 identification, transmitting a command to a network if the

10 backplane identification does not match the stored

11 backplane identification.


1    39. The method of claim 38, further comprising re-

2 configuring a relational database so that the backplane

3 identification is correlated with a network address of the

4 computer.

1    40.  The method of claim 38, further comprising re-

2    configuring a relational database so that the backplane

3    identification is correlated with a telephone number of the

4    computer.


1    41.  The method of claim 38, further comprising

2    comparing a client identification transmitted with the

3    command with an authorized client identification and

4    inhibiting operation of the computer if the client

5    identification does not match the authorized client

6    identification.


7    42.  The method of claim 41, further comprising

8    activating an alarm if the client identification does not

9    match the authorized client identification.